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~~SALT LAKE CITY~~

Cedar City, Utah

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MEMO

TO: Mr. Donald C. Norseth

FROM: Clifton W. Johnson

RE: Ordering-in headgates and measuring devices.

For some time I have been giving consideration to some method of taking the burden off the Water Commissioners in the matter of requiring headgates and measuring devices to be installed, replaced or repaired. The present method requires the Water Commissioner to push the State Engineer for action, sometimes to the point where he becomes unpopular with the Water Users. There is nothing wrong with the Water Commissioners reporting the needs, but he should not be the one to pursue the action further.

My suggestion is to take the following steps in deciding need for head gates and measuring devices and ordering installation:

1. Make an appointment with the Water Users Committee and the Water Commissioner to visit each diversion requiring installation ~~off or~~ replacement of distribution structures.
2. Explain to the committee the standards required by the State Engineer's Office for proper distribution structures.
3. Jointly decide the action to be taken ~~or~~ assume installation of required devices.
4. Issue orders through legal means for any distribution structures which cannot be installed through cooperative effort within a reasonable time.

It seems to me that there is plenty of opportunity for use of pictures and slides to compare proper and improper headgates and measuring devices and thereby convince water users groups that definite improvements are needed in their systems. Also, by this revised procedure the pressure would be taken off the Water Commissioner.

c.c. Mr. Wayne D. Criddle, State Engineer



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Mr. Donald C. Norseth  
Distribution Engineer  
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Dear Don:

RE: Coal Creek Irrigation Company

The recent disagreement concerning deliveries of water to Coal Creek Irrigation Company on Coal Creek points out the need for an adequate measuring device at their point or points of diversion from the stream.

Action should be taken as soon as possible to get this measuring device in; however, (the device may be required to handle several hundred second-feet) ~~and~~ the Irrigation Company will need the technical assistance of the S.C.S. or an engineer to properly design and install this device.

Therefore, steps should be taken now to assume installation without undue delay, which may cause further disagreement.

My recommendation is that an appointment be arranged between officers of the Coal Creek Irrigation Company and personnel from the State Engineers Office. Then a visit could be made to the point of diversion and explanations made to the Water Users of what is required in a measuring device at the localities and the time allowed for installation to be made.

I do not feel that the Water Commissioner should need to pressure this matter after it has once been brought to the attention of the State Engineer in a Water Users Meeting (February 24, 1960.) See enclosed memorandum for further details.

Sincerely,

Clifton W. Johnson  
District Engineer

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Encl.

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